



# WINGTIPS

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## MINNESOTA HOSTS IACE CADETS

Cadets and a senior escort came from Europe to Minnesota as a part of the IACE program. Saturday, July 21 they arrived and met their host families. The next few days they experienced a lot of Minnesota, including the Mall of America, Minnesota History Museum, James J. Hill House and the State Capitol building. They also toured the Northwest Airlines Operations and Training Center, Camp Ripley and the Minnesota Zoo. At Camp Ripley they were able to run the Confidence Course, check out the helicopter simulator and do the Land Navigation Course. They also got to visit the Minnesota Military Museum while at Camp Ripley.

Other visits included the 133rd Airlift Wing and the 934th Airlift Wing. They were also able to attend a Valley Squadron meeting to see what a typical CAP meeting is like. Fun & Social Day included tubing on the Apple River and a picnic with CAP cadets. After departing Minnesota the group went to the EAA Airshow at Oskosh and then ended their US visit in Washington D.C.

Lt. Col. Chris Gerlach was the Project Officer for the Minnesota IACE visit. Gerlach was an escort officer to Belgium in 1999.



The International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) began in 1948 between the U.S. and Canada. From this modest beginning, the program grew to include over 20 na-

tions from Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific Rim. Participating countries exchange young people from their equivalent youth aviation programs, some sponsored by their country's military and some by civilian flying organizations. The purpose of IACE, (pronounced I-A-C-E not I-Ace), is to promote international understanding and goodwill.

## IACE Sweden 2001

- by Maj. Bob Johnson

Thirty seven cadets and eight senior escorts traveled to Sweden as a part of IACE 2001. Sweden has the reputation as being one of the best and most intense programs in IACE. As the U.S. escort in this year's program, I can attest that both are true. The three senior and two junior hosts kept us very busy with a program that included a lot of physical activity as well as tours and military unit visits.

This year CAP returned to the practice of having the participants meet in Washington D.C. for three days to get to know each other and to become familiar with the program. I met the four cadets that would be going to Sweden with me at the welcome dinner the first evening. We spent the next three days going to meetings and touring Washington, giving us a chance to get to know each other.

We flew to Arlanda Airport in Stockholm where we were met by Capt. Pelle Hagstrom of the Swedish Air Force. He welcomed us to Sweden and told us we had 10 minutes to get to a waiting C-130 that took us to Germany, where we picked up the rest of our group.

In Sweden IACE is supported entirely by the Swedish Air Force, so all of our lodging and meals were on Swedish Air Force bases. This worked out very well as we came together as a group very quickly. Even though we were a group of almost fifty folks from 14 countries we got to know each other fast. The Swedes have the program so well developed that everything went like clockwork.

The escorts did everything the cadets did. We were broken into eight groups with one escort leading each group. None of us had cadets from our own countries in our groups (my cadets were from Turkey, Germany, England and Belgium). I am proud to say that "Team Bob" won several competitions! *Cont. : p. 3*

**MILITARY ORIENTATION FLIGHTS**

1st Lt. Linda Zwolensky, Valley Cadet Squadron has been appointed for Temporary Duty in Cadet Programs as the Military Orientation Flight coordinator.

She will be replacing Cpt. Shannon Bauer, Viking Composite Squadron. Lt. Zwolensky contact information is: Home phone: 952-469-3111 Email z0rr0747@aol.com

Please feel free to contact Lt. Zwolensky if your unit is interested in participating in these flights. Be advised that the minimum requirements are members only, completed Achievement (Cadet) or Level (Senior) One, in complete and proper BDU uniform (correct grooming and all insignia required), complete and on time paperwork.

It is also strongly suggested you provide a thank you treat for the crew and a public affairs article for your unit's newsletter (submitted up the chain as usual) on your experience.

Expect these flights to be random, as that is how the military works. But also expect to be professional guests, on time as directed.

We know these experiences are beneficial to your training, but they are most beneficial for the flight crew, since that is their purpose.

**NEW AEROSPACE EDUCATION BOOK**

Beginning September 1, 2001, *Aerospace: The Journey of Flight* will replace *Aerospace: The Challenge* for senior members striving for the Yeager Award.

A new AEPSM test has been developed to go with the *Journey* text. The test will still be offered in an open-book or closed-book format.

The test will remain 100 questions, with all questions coming from the new text. Any senior member currently studying for the AEPSM has until Dec 31, 2001 to take the old test. After that time all senior members will be using the *Journey* text.

The new test will be in the field by Sep. 1 and the books are available at the bookstore.

**COMMANDER'S CORNER**

- Col. Dale Hoium

The uniforms we wear in Civil Air Patrol are many. In our CAP manual 39-1 we are given information as to how and when to wear our uniforms as well as what standards we must be willing to meet. The wear of the Air Force style uniforms is a privilege not a right. The only items that distinguish it as being worn by a CAP member is the distinctive emblems, insignia and badges. From any distance at all it is very hard to tell if an individual is CAP or Air Force.

This is why, in our manual, it states; "Senior members and cadets age 18 and older must meet CAP weight standards in order to wear the military style USAF uniforms." One area where there has been some questions is in the wear of the BDU and USAF Flight Suit. The manual states the senior members who do not meet the standards of wear for a military-style uniform for reasons of grooming or fitness can wear the USAF flight suit or BDU's, but without grade.

Also remember that when you are at a military installation, from a distance of ten to twenty feet, active duty military personnel can not see if there is grade on the uniform or not. On a military base, perhaps a CAP distinctive uniform should be the uniform of choice.

Some may feel it is an insult to not put on their grade or take their grade off because of grooming or weight. This should not be true as what we are doing is showing the pride and respect we have for uniforms worn by the military persons of the USA. Show your pride and respect for the uniform in every way.

The manual goes on to say: "Commanders will ensure that all members, individually and collectively, present a well-groomed appearance which will reflect credit upon CAP as the auxiliary of the United States Air force. They will ensure that all members are uniformed in accordance with the provisions of this manual, that uniform violations are promptly corrected, and the members are continually informed as to the proper wear of the uniform."

Yes, all commanders have this responsibility. Equally so, each individual CAP member has a responsibility, and I would hope a willingness and desire, to wear their uniform with pride and respect for it.

**PROMOTIONS**

1st Lt. Scott Frankard, Viking Squadron  
1st Lt. Dave Rutt, Viking Squadron

**LOGISTICS AUDIT**

Minnesota Wing received an "Outstanding" in the Logistics audit conducted from May/June of this year. These ratings are extremely important as CAP-USAF uses the ratings to decide whether to limit, suspend, or freeze wings from receiving supplies and materials based upon them.

Maj. Todd Mandel would like to publicly thank MSgt Jeff Borseth, our LO-NCO, for all of his hard work and long hours in helping the Logistics Directorate get the house in order for this audit. He would also like to recognize Lt. Col. Keith Bischoff, Capt. Doug Mitchell, Lt. Col. Roger Brogren, and 2d Lt. Tracy Brooks who are the Commanders and LG's for Duluth & St. Croix Squadrons. Their units were inspected during the audit and were a big part of our rating. Also, Lt. Col. Bruce Hegrenes, former Wing/LG, provided help and suggestions for navigating the audit.

Mandel also thanks the members of Wing HQ Squadron for their help in the annoying, yet necessary, process of physically accounting for all our assets. And the efforts of the LG staff - Maj. Gerry Rosenzweig and Capt. Rick Rohwer cannot go understated.

**DRILL TEAM**

In preparation for a Drill Team competition in conjunction with 2002 Cadet Competition on Nov 17 2001, all possible Drill Team Senior Leaders must identify their intent to compete to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Don Mikitta no later than 17 Sep 2001.

*IACE Sweden (from p. 1)*

We were kept going every day, starting at 6:15 (breakfast) and not going to bed until midnight. But we had many "hands on" experiences and flew almost every day. We also got to drive tanks (a Bradley type vehicle), boats and two flight simulators.

We had several formal dinners in historic officer's mess facilities and a formal dinner in the Stockholm City Hall in the same room where the Nobel Prize dinner is held.

I can't say enough good things about the Swedish Air Force folks that gave us an experience of a lifetime!

**NEWS FROM AROUND THE WING**

**Military Expo:** Thirty Five CAP officers and cadets supported the 934th Airlift Wing at the Military Expo. St. Croix, Owatonna, North Hennepin, Ft Snelling, Valley and Viking Squadrons participated, in addition to Maj. Kettell, the Gp III commander. Col. Despiroy, the Commander of the 934 Air Wing has expressed his thanks for a job well done. Col. Groskreutz, the commander of the Support Group (*and who was in charge of the MilExpo*) also has expressed his appreciation for the dedication and professional demeanor of all CAP members on duty. Lt. Col. Barney Uhlig added his own thanks, particularly to those who were on duty on Sunday when they were very short on people and had to work even harder. As you can see by the reaction of the top officers of the 934 Air Wing, quality work will last out!

**Color Guard:** The Minnesota Wing Color Guard presented the colors in front of a crowd of thousands at the Wings of The North Airshow held on July 14th at the Flying Cloud Airport.

**MNWG Leadership Academy:** The MNWG Leadership Academy is now accepting applications for the cadet NCO school and the Basic Cadet Officer school. All cadet staff members are encouraged to apply for and attend the appropriate course to further their education and to increase their effectiveness within their units. Senior members may also apply as Seminar Instructors. Both courses will be held from Oct. 17th through the 20th at Camp Ripley.

**North Hennepin:** SM Cory Bouk (Lt., USNR) presented the topic of Naval Officership to cadets and senior members. As a graduate of the Naval Academy and a Naval Reserve Aviator, SM Bouk offered his personal insight into the training that Naval Officers receive and the life they lead in the Fleet.

**Viking:** Maj. Doug Killian was selected the 2000 North Central Region Senior Member of the Year. Maj. Killian was also selected as the MNWG Senior Member of the Year. He came to MNWG from Wisconsin Wing in 1999. He was nominated for both awards because of his professionalism, knowledge and dedication to Civil Air Patrol.

**MINNESOTA WING CALENDAR****SEPTEMBER**

3	MON	LABOR DAY
4-11	TUE-TUE	WING SAR/DR, UNIT BASED EXERCISES
10	MON	WING STAFF MEETING
17	MON	USAF ESTABLISHED
18	TUE	ROSH HASHANAH (STARTS MON AT SUNDOWN)
22	SAT	CAF HANGER DANCE, FLEMING AIRPORT
27	SAT	YOM KIPPUR (STARTS SUNDAY AT SUNDOWN)

**OCTOBER**

8	MON	COLUMBUS DAY (WING STAFF MEETS)
11-14	THU-SAT	NEW COMMANDERS ORIENTATION/ CC WORKSHOP
18-20	WED-SAT	CADET NCO SCHOOL & BASIC OFFICER COURSE
28	SUN	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

**NOVEMBER**

11	SUN	VETERAN'S DAY
17	SAT	COUNTER DRUG CHECK PILOT SEMINAR
22	THU	THANKSGIVING

**DECEMBER**

1	SAT	CIVIL AIR PATROL'S 60TH BIRTHDAY
3	MON	WING CONFERENCE AWARDS NOMINATION DEADLINE
10	MON	HANUKKAH (STARTS SUNDAY AT SUNDOWN)
25	MON	CHRISTMAS

**JANUARY**

1	TUE	NEW YEAR'S DAY
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**FEBRUARY**

28	WED	WINTER NATIONAL BOARD, WASHINGTON DC
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**MARCH**

28	THU	PASSOVER (BEGINS MONDAY AT SUNDOWN)
29	FRI	GOOD FRIDAY
31	SUN	EASTER
TBA		CADET COLOR GUARD COMP
TBA		BLACKCAP ES COLLEGE

**THE VISION**

- Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Don Mikitta

Vision is considered that driving force which puts the rubber to the road. When an organization has a plan or a strategy, there needs to be something that puts it all together.

MNWG Cadet Program is operating under a simple plan, to encourage cadets to benefit from the program, to qualify cadets to lead cadets, to understand the needs of leaders, to instruct followers to lead and to pray for those involved.

Our vision is, "Aiming Higher to Equip the Next Generation". This very vision understands there will be challenges, change and conflict. The benefits of going forward with this vision and plan expressly seek to expand the role of cadet leaders in fulfilling the missions of Civil Air Patrol.

The Mission of CAP is to serve America by developing our nation's youth, accomplishing local, state and national missions, and educating our citizens to ensure Air and Space supremacy.

CAP has three missions assigned by Congress. They are Aerospace Education, Emergency Services and Cadet Programs. The mission of the CAP Cadet Program is to provide the youth of our nation a quality program that enhances their leadership skills through an interest in aviation, and simultaneously provide services to the USAF and the local community.

It is a large task to accomplish, but the cadet programs team has direction and a track record that proves it works. Continued support of our program benefits all. I hope you all will join us with our vision of . . .

*Aiming Higher to Equip the Next Generation*

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